try including the State of Maharashtra on the applications sponsored by the State Government Agencies like District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), District Industries Centres (DIC) under the scheme for providing Self Employment to the Educated Unemployed youth (SEEUY) and urben Local Bodies (ULBs) like Municipalities and Corporations and District Urban Development Agencies (DUDA) under the scheme for urban Micro Enterprises (SUME). Banks provide loans to the eligible beneficiaries under these schemes, whose projects on scrutiny and appraisal are found viable and technically feasible by the banks. The progress on the flow of credit is reviewed at the meetings of the District Coordination Committee at the District level and Bankers Committee at the state level for taking suitable remedial measures wherever necessary.

Japan's insistance for financial reforms

2631. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact tnat Japan has urged India to initiate more financial sector reforms;

(b) if so, whether Japanese Government has stated that India should maintain the pace of reforms on the lines of China, Russia and South Eastern countries;

(c) what are the main initiatives Japan wants India to take; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Tenure of cashiers/Tellers in SBI

2632. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cashiers/Tellers are working in one branch for more than six years in various branches under the State Bank of India, Local Head Office, New Delhi;

(a) whether it is a fact that Cashier and a Teller in one branch;

(c) whether it is a fact that by allowing them to continue in one branch for more than six years they are developing vested interest; and

(d) wnat steps his Ministry would take to remove this vested interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and, to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

2633. [*Transferred to 26th August*, 1993]

Bank loans to newspapers groups.

2634. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the nationalised banks have advanced huge loans to some of the newspaper groups like Hindustan Times, Times of India, Indian Express, Business and Political Observer etc.;

(b) if so, what are the details of such loans stating name of the nationalised banks advancing the loan amount of loan advanced to each of the above said newspaper groups;

(c) whether RBI guidelines had been adhered to, what is the progress in the matter of realising these loans from the concerned newspaper groups till date stating the action, if any, taken to realise these debts; and

(d) if no, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available and permissible under the Rnles.

Evasion of Central Excise in South Gujarat

2635. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SMT. KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appearing in the Indian Express dated the 23rd July, 1993 regarding flourishing racket in the evasion of Octroi and Central Excise in South Gujarat in connivance with certain official agencies; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Government in the matter.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHIR M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes Sir. A new item has appeared in the Indian Express dated 23rd July, 1993 about evasion of duty of excise and octroi.

(b) So far as evasion of excise duty is concerned Textiles have already been identified as one of the evasion prone commodities. A number of cases of Central Excise duty evasion have been detected against textile processors by the Directorate General of Anti-evasion as well as by the concerned Collectorates. Surveillance has been stepped up on the manufacturers suspected to be indulging in evasion of duty of excise on the basis of intelligence gathered.

Brochure on Pay and Allowance of Government Employees

2636. DR SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pay Research Unit in the Department of Expenditure has completed its work for bringing out the 14th issue of the Brochure on Pay and Allowances of Central Government Civilian employees;

(b) if so, by when will it be published;

(c) if not, what is the total expenditure on pay and allowances and number of Central Government's Civilian employees as reported in the 13th Brochure; and

(d) what steps are being taken to curb the increasing expenditure on pay and allowances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHIR M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The work for bringing out the 14th issue of Brochure on Pay and Allowances of Central Government employees is in progress and the Brochure is likely to be published by the end of October, 1993.